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## 2011 TAX SEASON OFF TO ROARING START



*The 21st TSC Commanding General, MG Patricia E. McQuistion, joined by members of the Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center staff, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Kaiserslautern Tax Assistance Center on January 31st.*

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### by Steve Smith

The 2011 tax filing season is off to a roaring start, with more taxpayers heading to 21st TSC tax assistance centers for free tax help than in any recent tax season.

As of 25 February, the six tax assistance centers the 21st TSC OSJA operates in Germany and the Benelux had generated 2,075 federal and state tax returns, 515 more than in the same period in 2010.

USAREUR-wide, Army tax assistance centers generated 8,394 returns, almost $1.3 million in savings, and a whopping $20.7 million in refunds through February 25th, and the tax season has just begun!

These statistics indicate that, despite the availability of commercial tax preparers, off-the-shelf software, and other free tax preparation options, a growing number of military taxpayers are finding taxes so complex that they need the kind of professional help our free tax assistance centers offer.

Where can you go for tax help? The Kaiserslautern Tax Assistance Center is located in the Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center in Room 101 of Building 3210 on Kleber Kaserne, across from the Shoppette. Call DSN 483-7688 or 0631-411-7688,

We also operate a tax assistance center on the ground floor of Building 3701 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, just below the Education Center. Call DSN 486-6334 or 06371-86-6334.

Both tax centers are open from 0900 to 1700, Monday thru Friday, and accept both walk-ins and appointments thru 1600 daily.

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